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The following data on the 34th Technical Engr Bn (RR Engr) stationed near VYAZMA (55°01'N/34°10'E), Smolensk Oblast, were learned (except from a detailed PW report):

1. Location:

Cantonment buildings in NOVO TORKA, about 4½ miles northeast of VYAZMA

2. Superior Headquarters:

167th Brig, MOSCOW. General Yefremov from MOSCOW came to VYAZMA with a technical acceptance commission in December 1946.

3. Officers:

CO of the Bn: Lt Col Salyevich Soldatov

CO of 1st Co (Headquarters and Motor Trans Co): Capt YE. ILLIYOV.

CO of 2d Co: 1st Lt NISHKOV (Construction Co)

CO of 3rd Co (Roadbed and Cantonment Cons Co): 1st Lt RISHKOV

CO of 4th Co (Tech Co): Capt FAMIN.

4. Strength:

1st Co: About 90 men

2d Co: About 120 men

3rd Co: About 70 men

4th Co: 128 men (reporting PW was mostly attached to this company).

5. Equipment:

Small arms, light machine guns, hand grenades, flame throwers, signal equipment, railroad engineer equipment.

6. Technical equipment:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- a. First Co: Fully-motorized, one radio truck and one telephone truck.
- b. Fourth Co: Seven Pullman cars equipped with: Six lathes (of German origin, with 1,200 to 1,800 mm beds); Three shaping machines (of German origin) Four screw cutting machines (three from Pittler of Leipzig, one Kirovo type) Fourteen autogenous welding machines (Aga and Grisogen types) Twenty-three electric welding machines (Siemens, Grisogen and Kjellberg types).

7. Employment:

Construction of a sawmill near Novo-Torka (sic).

Construction of a slag-brick plant in Vyazma.

Construction of an engine roundhouse at the Vyazma railroad station.

Maintenance of a 75-mile section of the railroad line from Vyazma to Moscow.

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Comment:

- a. The following engineer battalions with the numerical designation 34 are listed in the wartime files:
34th Guards Engineer Battalion of the 32d Guards Rifle Division
34th Bridge Battalion of the 34th Tank Division
34th Assault Engineer Battalion of the 7th Assault Engineer Brigade
(APN 28437).
- b. The files do not list a 34th Technical Engineer Battalion of the 167th Engineer (?) Brigade.
- c. The report gains in value by naming General Yefremov who may be Colonel Yefremov who attended a scientific-technical conference of the Kuibyshev Redbanner Engineer Academy in April 1946, according to Soviet newspapers.

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